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On September 27, 1989, EPA's Regional Administrator, James Scherer, signed a Record of Decision which finalizes EPA's plan for remediating the Somers site. A copy of the Record of Decision is enclosed. As was recommended in your comments, EPA has decided to excavate contaminated soils and biologically treat the soils in an on-site land treatment facility. Contaminated ground water will be flushed with hot water and treated, and then the aquifer will be further treated with an in-place biological treatment process. Pilot testing will be conducted on the ground water treatment process to ensure its practicability at the Somers site.

All comments received by EPA have been entered into the Administrative Record file for the site. A responsiveness summary, which contains EPA's responses to all of the comments received on the proposed plan, is contained within the Record of Decision.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about the Record of Decision or EPA's responses to your comments.

Sincerely,

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